

Town Meeting Electronic Voting Study Committee

Eric Helmuth, Chair | Adam Auster, Secretary

Monday, April 7, 2014, 7:30 p.m.

First floor meeting room, Town Hall Annex

AGENDA:

- 1 - Call to Order
- 2 - Review and approval of minutes
- 3 - Updates on electronic voting implementation
- 4 - Committee report and educational materials
- 4 - Warrant articles
- 5 - Other business

Adjournment

TOWN OF ARLINGTON

Town Meeting Voting Bylaw

Excerpted from:

http://www.arlingtonma.gov/Public_Documents/ArlingtonMA_TownBylaws/title1#article1

C. Votes: (ART. 13, ATM – 04/29/92), (ART. 22, ATM – 05/11/11), (ART. 12, ATM – 04/22/13)

All votes, unless otherwise provided by law, shall be taken in the first instance by a “yes” and “no” voice vote or by an electronic tally at the option of the Moderator. If the Moderator is in doubt as to the voice vote, or if five voters immediately question a voice vote, the Moderator shall call for a standing vote or an electronic tally, at the option of the Moderator. In an instance where the difference between the yes and no votes according to an electronic tally is less than 6 votes, then the individual votes shall be displayed.

On all questions submitted for the consideration of the Town Meeting, when requested by thirty or more Town Meeting Members present at the meeting, there shall be a roll call vote, either by voice or by an electronic vote, at the option of the Moderator. If an electronic tally was previously taken on the question, the vote of each Town Meeting Member who voted electronically in the first instance shall be displayed and recorded. All roll call votes, oral or electronic, shall be recorded so as to indicate the individual vote of each Town Meeting Member who shall have voted. Said record of roll call votes, oral or electronic, shall be available as recorded at the Town Clerk's Office.

Whenever a vote of two-thirds of the Town Meeting Members present and voting is required on any matter, the Moderator may declare a motion passed by a voice vote or electronic tally of at least two-thirds in favor. A standing vote or further electronic tally need not be taken unless required by law or these Bylaws. The Town Clerk shall record the Moderator's declaration that the motion passed by a two-thirds vote in favor.

All electronic tallies and votes shall be recorded so as to indicate the individual vote of each Town Meeting Member. These results shall be electronically available to the public for a minimum of three years, or such longer time as required by law.